

THE CITY OF NATCHEZ

AND THE R. S. HAYES TOTALLY DESTROYED

By Fire at Cairo--The Loss of the Hayes and Her Barges Will Amount to \$1,000,000.

CAIRO, Ill., December 28.—Fire at 6 o'clock this morning destroyed the Mississippi Valley transportation steamer, R. S. Hayes and four barges, and the Anchor Line steamer, City of Natchez, while lying at the bank. The fire is supposed to have originated in the aft cabin of the steamer Hayes, and spread to the whole boat, burning her to the water's edge. The fire spread to the City of Natchez, lying just below the Hayes, and in a few moments she, too, was a mass of flames. The barges alongside of the Hayes, loaded with cotton, soda ash and sundries, also took fire and were completely destroyed. Nothing but the wrecks of the burned hulls remain. The City of Natchez was built at Jeffersonville, three years ago, and was valued at \$100,000. She was one of the finest boats on the Mississippi. The Hayes was built by the Valley Company about five years ago and valued at about \$500,000. The loss of the Valley Company's barge and contents will make the loss reach about \$1,000,000. The insurance is not known at present. A strong north-west wind at the time of the fire held the boats into the bank and prevented them from saving the best. The barges lying on the outside of those burned were cut loose and towed to a safe harbor by tugs. The wrecked burning hulls are being towed to the other side of the river and beached.

LATER ABOUT THE BURNING.
The steamer Natchez, which burned at Cairo this morning, was owned by the St. Louis and New Orleans Anchor Line, was one of the most noted boats plying the Lower Mississippi river, and was valued at \$120,000, and was insured for \$50,000. The R. S. Hayes was a sternwheel boat of powerful capacity belonging to the St. Louis and Mississippi Valley Transportation Company, valued at \$500,000 and insured for \$200,000. The barges burned were the Nos. 28, 49 and 94, and the Iron Duke, and were valued at \$10,000 each and not insured. They were owned by the same company as the Hayes. The Iron Duke and No. 49 were pulled out and sent down the river, and at last accounts were still burning. The Iron Duke had about 20,000 barrels of corn as cargo, the No. 49 had 2070 barrels of cotton on board, the No. 94 had 3,000 sacks of salt, and the No. 28 carried 150 drums of caustic soda. There was probably other cargo on her reported. All the cargo was insured. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

A Demented Man Hangs Himself.
New York, December 28.—A Patman (Cl.) special says: Augustus Pichet, a wood chopper, 60 years of age, was found suspended to a tree in the Quinceburg forest, about seven miles north of Putnam, Sunday, by two hunters. It is supposed he hanged himself while demented. Three months ago, while officers were at his house to take him into custody on account of his strange actions, arising from habitual drunkenness, a member of the family, speaking in French, said to him: "They are going to take you to the madhouse, run for the woods." Upon hearing this he broke for the door and ran, chased by the officers, who failed to overtake the wood chopper. He has not been seen since then, and it is supposed he hanged himself soon after his escape. Portions of the body had fallen to the ground and his fingers were fleshless. He leaves a large family.

A Refrigerating House Caves In.
St. Louis, Mo., December 28.—At 2 o'clock p.m. today a water tank on the refrigerating house of the Heim brewery, in East St. Louis, fell through the roof, killing John Keefe, an employee, and breaking the pipes so as to liberate a quantity of ammonia gas, which was inhaled by two men whose names are unknown. It is feared they will die from the effects.

A Woman Burned to a Crisp.
Scranton, Pa., December 28.—Last evening Mrs. John Burke, of Irving avenue, while going up stairs with a lighted lamp, fell to the bottom and she was stunned. The lamp exploded and set her clothing on fire. Before she could be rescued she was burned almost to a crisp. Her husband, who is blind, was unable to render assistance, but his cries brought help to the house, which, however, unfortunately arrived too late.

Accidentally Killed Her Daughter.
MIDDLETOWN, O., December 28.—Mrs. Hendrickson, wife of Ex-Policeman Hendrickson, while showing a neighbor "last night" how she would treat traps if any molested her, took a revolver from a drawer and fired a shot in the air from the door. As she was returning it to the drawer the weapon was in some way again discharged, and Mrs. Hendrickson's daughter, Stella, 5 years old, was instantly killed.

A Locomotive Runs Into a Street Car.
Chicago, December 27.—A few minutes before 7 o'clock this morning a stock yards car left O'Neil street for the yards, with the usual crowd on board. Three minutes later it crossed the bridge over the river and slowly went down the grade toward the tracks of the Chicago and Alton railroad. The conductor ran ahead to the tracks to see if any train was coming. As he looked he saw the St. Louis express dashing down toward the crossing. He signalled the driver to look out. The driver set the brake, but slowly and surely the car slid down the grade and on to the tracks. The driver and conductor yelled to the occupants of the car, but the windows were thickly coated with frost and it was impossible to see out, and the fifteen men and boys did not know of the danger which was now close on them. The engineer of the train saw the street car and blew the whistle. It was impossible to stop the train, and in another instant the engine struck the street car. It was knocked into splinters, and passengers were thrown in every direction. Those who witnessed the accident rushed to the crossing, expecting to see many dead bodies. But happily no one was killed. Four men lay on the ground gasping in pain. They were picked up and taken into a neighboring drug store. A hasty examination was made and then it was seen that, beyond a few slight bruises, none of the men had suffered injury. In the meantime the train had been checked, but after making sure that no one was killed it proceeded into the city.

Two Passenger Trains Collide.
WASHINGTON, December 28.—There was an accident on the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad today, by which two colli-

ing passenger trains were pretty badly wrecked. The collision was between No. 57 going west from Washington and the second section of No. 12 coming from Chicago. The Chicago train was very late and should have taken the siding at Rockville, but instead tried to make the siding at Silver Springs. It was within three miles of the latter place when it collided with the Baltimore train from this city that left at 9:30 a.m. The Baltimore train was also making for a switch when the collision occurred, and each train was about equally distant from their respective sidings at the time of the accident. The trains following the accident took the route by way of the Relay House. Conductor Rideout, of the Baltimore train, was badly injured and a number of passengers were cut and bruised, but none seriously hurt.

THE HARPER PARTY.

What Harper's Weekly Has to Say About Their Reception at the South.

Harper's Weekly: The gentlemen who were publishing the house of Harper & Brothers have recently made a prolonged excursion in the Southern States, returned a few days ago with the most delightful impressions of their journey. The party, which made the tour on the invitation and as the guests of Mr. John H. Innes, a merchant with large interests North and South, and a devoted and enterprising friend of American industries, was composed of Messrs. Charles Dudley Warner, Kirk Munroe, Charles Graham, John Dinkin, Horace Bradley and William Armitage Harper, authors and artists, and a representative of the Harper Publishing House. They were received everywhere with a courtesy and kindness and hospitality which cannot be forgotten. The object of the visit was to see the "New South," to observe the social, industrial and educational changes of the last few years, in order that the actual condition of "the South" might be faithfully reported by pen and pencil, and the good feeling which springs from accurate knowledge, and which binds every part of the country more closely than ever before, may be confirmed and strengthened.

For such a purpose there could be no happier selection of a leader than Mr. Warner. His trained faculty of shrewd observation, his just mind and ready sympathy, his great intelligence and large experience in travel, his tact and humor and other qualities, which make him always a charming companion, especially fitted him for this enterprise. His companions were all animated by the same spirit, and the little private embassy, we assure, was a very happy representation, which "the North" cannot send nor "the South" welcome without mutual advantage. The party left New York on the 2d of November, and proceeded to Lynchburg, Richmond, Danville, Atlanta, Augusta, Charleston, Knoxville, Chattanooga, South Pittsburg, Nashville, Birmingham, Montgomery, Pensacola, Mobile, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Vicksburg, Memphis and Louisville. They were received with friendly warmth by the Mayors of the cities and boards of trade and industrial corporations and clubs and prominent citizens. In New Orleans Mr. Charles Gayarre, the historian of Louisiana, at a pleasant meeting of the municipal authorities and other citizens, made an eloquent and admirable speech of welcome, breathing the most generous rational spirit, blended with a just local pride. The members of the party visited, under the best auspices, the schools and colleges and mines and factories and plantations, seeing the various processes of many industries, and obtaining specific and valuable information of every kind, and they have returned with the profound conviction that the impulse of a new and healthy life has penetrated the whole frame of life and activity in those States, which will tend to make the common national life stronger and better.

The results of the observations and the conclusions of "the Harper party" will appear in continuation of the series already begun in the Harper periodicals upon "the new South." Political differences and the friction of races will yield to the beneficent touch of healthy industrial enterprise and a fresh prosperity. Mr. Warner has already done a great and truly national service in recording his views of the social situation in the Southern States, and his wise and judicious spirit is that of patriotic man everywhere. Peace hath her victories, and her leaders are not less highly renowned than those of war. We shall be very glad if this little "voyage of discovery in the South," as it was gayly and happily called by Mr. Gayarre, shall result, as we do not doubt it will, in binding more closely interests and ties and a common welfare which know no South and no North, but only one land, and in confirming the lines of Goethe, "North and South and every land Rest within His peaceful hand."

THE EXPRESS ROBBERS.

Their Capture Pronounced by Col. Weir to Be the Finest.

CINCINNATI, O., December 28.—Col. L. C. Weir, superintendent of the Adams Express Company, who had immediate charge of the search for the men who robbed their car near St. Louis October 25th, returned today from Chicago, where he had the pleasure of seeing his plans perfected. His instructions to the detectives were to find the robbers and not temporize with a view of restoring the money. He says he directed the Pinkertons to spare no money in the search, and he pronounces their work the finest that he has ever seen, and he has had considerable experience of this kind, having been called to assist other companies in like cases. He declares to speak for Birmingham until the men are taken to St. Louis and further investigation is made.

A SNOWSHOE EXPEDITION

Organized by the New York "World" Under the Leadership of Lieut. Schwatka.

New York, December 28.—The World makes the following announcement this morning: The World has organized a snowshoe expedition under the leadership of Lieut. Frederick Schwatka, of Arctic fame, for the midwinter exploration of that wonderful land of this hemisphere, the Yellowstone National Park—the expedition consisting of Lieut. Schwatka, a scientist, an artist and photographer, and several Crow Indians as guides. They propose to enter the park early in January. The route will include all the important geyser basins, the hot springs, the tower falls and the grand canon of the Yellowstone. The party will be thoroughly equipped as an Arctic expedition, and will doubtless be able to push the work of exploration regardless of the rigors of the season. The most remarkable features of the region will be carefully studied, photographed, sketched and described.

THE REV. DR. M'GLYNN,

UNDER INDEFINITE SUSPENSION, SUMMONED TO ROME.

Wallace He Seems Disinclined to Go—His Attitude in Favor of Public Schools.

New York, December 28.—The World is at last enabled to state on the very best authority that the Rev. Dr. McGlynn is under indefinite suspension, both as a pastor and a priest. A priest high in authority in the archiepiscopal diocese, and holding close official relations with Archbishop Corrigan, said last night: "The statement that Dr. McGlynn has been summoned to Rome to defend himself is all at fault. Dr. McGlynn has been summoned to Rome for a trial, and the only thing left for him to do is to recant. The idea of the Catholic Church advocating the abolition of property in land is preposterous. The Catholic Church does not advocate the abolition of property in land, and will not do so. That is communism, and the church has pronounced against communism. Besides, it is absurd to say that the abolition of property in land will remedy the evils of poverty. Its effect, on the contrary, will be to intensify them. I do not know what Dr. McGlynn intends to do about going to Rome, but my own opinion is that he is not going. As to latitudes, there is no latitude. He has been summoned to Rome, and he is expected to go at once. Of course, if he had written to Rome submitting any good reason why he cannot go immediately, he will be granted a reasonable extension of time, but I do not believe he has done this. I believe he has simply ignored the whole matter. The fact is, that Dr. McGlynn's whole attitude for many years has been one of antagonism to the policy of the Catholic Church. He first opposed the establishment of parochial schools as un-American and as antagonistic to the public school system. Now the establishment of parochial schools is designed for the purpose of teaching religion in the schools, which we cannot expect to do in the public schools, and are designed for children of all denominations. Then, again, when the question of depriving the Pope of his temporal power came up, he rather took a position against the Pope in a matter which, to say the least, was not exactly Catholic. And, finally, in this agitation against property in land, he took a stand against the church again. Now, the Archbishop has dealt very leniently with Dr. McGlynn, and given him every opportunity to set himself right. But he declines to set himself right, and as the matter is so important, the only thing left for the Archbishop to do but to refer his case to Rome. There it is at present, and Rome must decide it. Rome does not care for individuals. The maintenance of discipline is much more important to her than the influence of any individual, no matter what estimation he may be held in by his congregation."

THE FAMOUS ANDOVER CASE.

The Trial Begun Yesterday in the United States Hotel, Boston.

Boston, Mass., December 28.—At 10 o'clock this morning the now famous Andover trial began at the United States Hotel in this city. There were present the full board of visitors, the complainants, respondents and counsel on both sides. The large dining room of the hotel was filled, even the standing room along the walls being occupied. A considerable portion of the audience was made up of clergymen, but many laymen and a number of ladies were present, and the large audience paid the closest attention from the opening to the close of the long session. After considerable time had been spent in preliminary details, Judge French offered in evidence an editorial article in the Andover Review for April last entitled, "The Bible a Tissue for the Papist," and Prof. Smythe's speech at the American Board meeting at Des Moines, Ia., in October, and speech being printed in a great pamphlet entitled, "The Great Debate." Counsel for respondents asked that whatever portion of any book or any document was to be urged against them should be definitely pointed out. On this point Gov. Gaston, one of respondents' counsel, said: "Prof. Smythe is willing not only that this tribunal shall know that he has said and all that he has taught and all that he believes, but in the trial against him it is fair and just, as it is legal, that what the charge against him is, shall be specified." At 11 o'clock, the complainants having rested their case without offering any other evidence than that ascribed above, and the book made up mainly of republications from editorials in the Review, entitled Progress of Orthodoxy, and a charge, Prof. Theodore Dwight, of the Columbia Law School, opened for the respondents in an address of great length, learning and vigorous eloquence. His masterly presentation of his client's case won at an early stage such entire approval of the audience that the entire audience at that President Seelye, of Amherst College, chairman of the Board of Visitors, the tribunal before which the case is being tried, announced that in the future there were any demonstrations of approval or disapproval, the room would be closed at once. Prof. Dwight was still speaking when the hearing was adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m.

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